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In re application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

For: MULTIPLEX FLOW ASSAYS
PREFERABLY WITH MAGNETIC
PARTICLES AS SOLID PHASE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the divisional patent application filed herewith. Prior to examination, please make the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 change the paragraph "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION" to read:

1/11/03 A'
This application is a division of application serial no. 09/302,920 filed April 30,
now U.S. Patent No. 6,280,618,
1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 08/972,563 filed November 18,
now abandoned, 1997, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-20. Claims 21-49 remain for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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